

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 161-164, 166-170 and 172-185 are pending in the application, with 161, 169 and 175 being the independent claims. Claims 161-163, 166-169, 172-176, 178, 179, 181 and 182 are sought to be amended. The amendments replace the term "ionomers" with "susceptors," or indicate that there are "one or more tackifiers." The amendment to claim 179 corrects an obvious typographical error. New claims 183-185 are sought to be added. Support for the amendments or new claims can be found throughout the specification or originally presented claims. *See, e.g.*, pages 16-18, or at pages 37-38. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

I. Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 161-164, 166, 169-170, 172 and 181-182 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-10 and 12-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,142. Office Action, page 2. Applicants provide herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

II. Objections

Claims 167-168 and 173-180 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As the aforementioned terminal disclaimer is believed to remove all outstanding rejections for the base claims, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection.

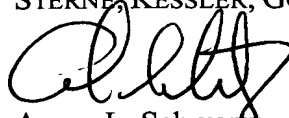
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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